

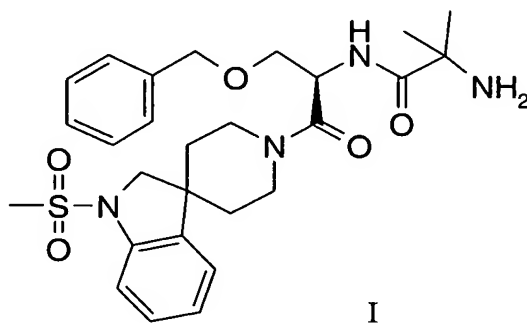
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-11 without prejudice and insert therefore new Claims 12-33. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

12. (new) A method for treating age-related cognitive decline or mild cognitive impairment in a human patient in need thereof comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. (new) The method of Claim 12 wherein the patient is a person aged 55 or over.

14. (new) The method of Claim 13 wherein the patient is a person aged 60 or over.

15. (new) The method of Claim 14 wherein the patient is a person aged 65 or over.

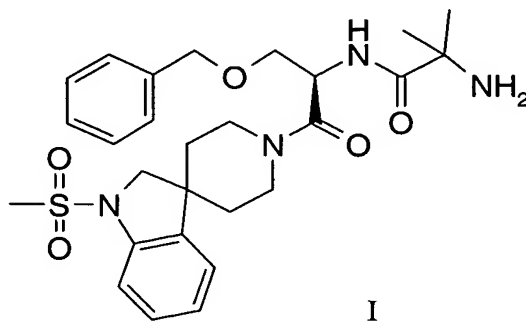
16. (new) The method of Claim 12 wherein the patient possesses one or more risk factors for developing Alzheimer's disease selected from: a family history of Alzheimer's disease; a genetic predisposition to Alzheimer's disease; elevated serum cholesterol; adult-onset diabetes mellitus; raised cerebro-spinal fluid levels of total tau; raised cerebro-spinal fluid levels of phospho-tau; and lowered cerebro-spinal fluid levels of A β 42.

17. (new) The method of Claim 12 wherein the patient suffers from mild cognitive impairment.

18. (new) The method of Claim 12 wherein the patient suffers from age-related cognitive decline.

19. (new) The method of Claim 12 wherein the treatment of age-related cognitive decline or mild cognitive impairment in a human patient comprises preventing, retarding or arresting the accumulation of insoluble A β in the brain of the patient suffering from age-related cognitive decline or mild cognitive impairment.

20. (new) A method for preventing or delaying the onset of Alzheimer's disease in a human patient suffering from age-related cognitive decline or mild cognitive impairment comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. (new) The method of Claim 20 wherein the patient is a person aged 55 or over.

22. (new) The method of Claim 21 wherein the patient is a person aged 60 or over.

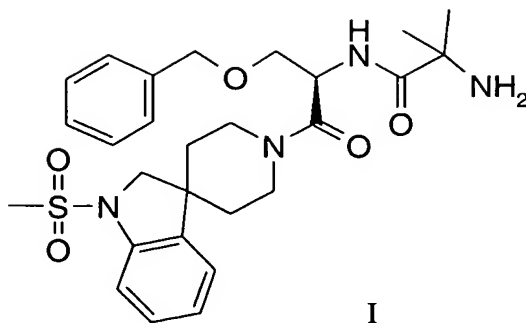
23. (new) The method of Claim 22 wherein the patient is a person aged 65 or over.

24. (new) The method of Claim 20 wherein the patient additionally possesses one or more risk factors for developing Alzheimer's disease selected from: a family history of Alzheimer's disease; a genetic predisposition to Alzheimer's disease; elevated serum cholesterol; adult-onset diabetes mellitus; raised cerebro-spinal fluid levels of total tau; raised cerebro-spinal fluid levels of phospho-tau; and lowered cerebro-spinal fluid levels of A β 42.

25. (new) The method of Claim 20 wherein the patient suffers from mild cognitive impairment.

26. (new) The method of Claim 20 wherein the patient suffers from age-related cognitive decline.

27. (new) A method for preventing or delaying the onset of dementia associated with Alzheimer's disease in a patient suffering from age-related cognitive decline or mild cognitive impairment comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

28. (new) The method of Claim 27 wherein the patient is a person aged 55 or over.

29. (new) The method of Claim 28 wherein the patient is a person aged 60 or over.

30. (new) The method of Claim 29 wherein the patient is a person aged 65 or over.

31. (new) The method of Claim 27 wherein the patient additionally possesses one or more risk factors for developing Alzheimer's disease selected from: a family history of Alzheimer's disease; a genetic predisposition to Alzheimer's disease; elevated serum cholesterol; adult-onset diabetes mellitus; raised cerebro-spinal fluid levels of total tau; raised cerebro-spinal fluid levels of phospho-tau; and lowered cerebro-spinal fluid levels of A β 42.

32. (new) The method of Claim 27 wherein the patient suffers from mild cognitive impairment.

33. (new) The method of Claim 27 wherein the patient suffers from age-related cognitive decline.